

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present After-Final Amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application and does not require further search.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-9 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 4, 5, and 9, which are independent, have been amended. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification as originally filed, and specifically at pages 10-14 and Figure 3. No new matter has been introduced by this amendment. It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, were in full compliance with the requirements 35 U.S.C. §112. Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,543,004 to Cagle et al.

Independent claim 1, as amended, recites, *inter alia*:

“...receiving by an Internet service provider,
...generating by the Internet service provider, ...
storing by the Internet service provider...”

As understood by Applicants, U.S. Patent No. 6,543,004 to Cagle et al. (hereinafter, merely "Cagle") relates to a removable backup storage device storing system configuration. However, the present invention is directed to a setup of an Internet server to connect a client to an Internet service provider. Therefore, the receiving step, generating step, and storing step, as recited in claim 1, are performed at the Internet service provider.

Therefore, Applicants submit that nothing has been found in Cagle that would disclose or suggest the above-identified features of claim 1. Therefore, independent claim 1 is believed to be patentable.

For reasons similar to those described above with regard to independent claim 1, independent claim 9 is also believed to be patentable.

Independent claim 4, as amended, recites, *inter alia*:

"...receiving by an Internet service provider, from a client, information on a connecting environment of said Internet server... wherein information stored by the Internet service provider, in said storage medium is information that pertains to a connecting environment..."

Applicants submit that nothing has been found in Cagle that would disclose or suggest the above-identified features of claim 4. Therefore, independent claim 4 is believed to be patentable.

Independent claim 5, as amended, recites, *inter alia*:

"...a first step of storing, in a storage medium by an Internet service provider, setting information... wherein said setting information is received at a different location than the information communication apparatus initializes a connection to said network upon installation of said storage medium."

Applicants submit that nothing has been found in Cagle that would disclose or suggest the above-identified features of claim 5. Therefore, independent claim 5 is believed to be patentable.

III. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims in this application are dependent from one of the amended independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that this After-Final Amendment does not require further search and that all of the claims are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request entry of this After-Final Amendment and early passage to issue of the present application.

In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosures in the cited reference, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the reference providing the basis for a contrary view.

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